

## Dress Code 2011-2012

All middle schools and some elementary schools are covered by a unified dress code. Information on the specific dress requirements is available at each middle school and each applicable elementary school.

Students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore all students enrolled in the Bibb County School District shall abide by the following dress code.

**Pants and Slacks:** Jeans, pants and slacks must be worn at the natural waistline w/ no openings that expose skin or undergarments. Holes, whether by design or wear, are not allowed. Oversized or baggy pants, of any type, are not allowed. Jeans, pants and slacks must not touch the floor. Pants that have belt loops MUST have a belt, which is visible and worn through the loops. Belt buckles can be no wider than the belt.

**Shirts and Blouses:** All clothing must be appropriately sized, and worn with the appropriate undergarments, which cannot be seen through the shirt/blouse. Long, short sleeves or any length in between are acceptable. Undershirts worn as undergarments may not be worn without a shirt/blouse. Layered t-shirts are permitted only if the bottom layer t-shirt is white. In addition, during normal activities of the school day, shirts and blouses must be in good repair, with no holes or openings that expose skin of the mid-section, bare shoulders, bare back or other parts of the torso. Cleavage shall not be exposed.

**Sweaters:** Appropriately sized sweaters, cardigans, vests, and school spirit sweatshirts are allowed. An appropriate shirt or blouse must be worn under a vest. Excessively tight, low cut or revealing sweaters, cardigans, vests or school spirit sweatshirts are not allowed and must not show exposed skin of the mid-section, bare shoulders, or bare back.

**Skirts/Dresses/Jumpers:** Skirts, dresses and jumpers must appropriate and should not reveal undergarments when sitting. Collarless dresses are allowed but must not reveal undergarments. Open pleats, vents, slits or must avoid showing any undergarments. All jumpers must be worn with shirts or blouses. Holes, whether by design or wear, are not allowed. Leggings can be worn under dresses and must be appropriate.

**Shorts:** Shorts should be no shorter than top of the knee, must be worn at the natural waistline. Holes, whether by design or wear, not allowed.

**Shoes:** Heels may be no more than 3" in height. Backless shoes and sandals are allowed. Students must wear socks or hose with all shoes except sandals or backless shoes. Athletic shoes are allowed. All shoes designed to be laced, tied or fastened must be done so appropriately.

**Hair:** Each student's hair must be neat, clean and well groomed.

**Hygiene:** Each student must maintain desirable personal hygiene so as not to be offensive to others.

**Book Bags:** All book bags must be mesh or clear.

**NOT PERMITTED:** (This is not intended as a comprehensive list of non-permitted clothing items. The School District may prohibit additional clothing items throughout the school year. Notice regarding additional prohibited clothing items will be posted in office of each school.)

- Clothing too large or too small for body size
- Spandex, athletic style or cut off shorts
- Tank tops, muscle shirts, sleeveless shirts/blouses
- Oversized or baggy pants
- Bib overalls/jumpsuits
- See-through, low cut or skin tight clothing
- Shoes with wheels and/or lights
- Big shirts, jerseys\*or other oversized shirts \*NOTE: (School athletes can wear school jerseys and cheerleading uniforms on occasions as addressed in school handbook)
- Sweat pants, fleece pants, wind suits, or jogging suits
- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Bedroom shoes
- Spiked/stiletto heels
- Hoodies (except for school-spirit wear)
- Non-prescription contact lenses
- Nonjewelry items (ex: dog-collar type chains, belt-chains)
- Any clothing, attire or personal belongings, associated with gang activity or behavior. Clothing, attire or personal belongings that are associated with a gang may be established by evidence of a common name or common identifying signs, symbols, insignias, tattoos, graffiti or other distinguishing characteristics.
- Any article of clothing which advertises alcohol, drugs, sex or which contains inflammatory, vulgar, lewd or suggestive writing, pictures, or emblems, or promotes aggression or violence. Any clothing, which advertises or advocates the use of a product, is prohibited on school premises. Any clothing, which disrupts the learning process, is prohibited on school premises.
- Hats, caps, hoods, scarves, bandannas, "do rags," combs, picks, roach clips, and curlers are not allowed. Possession of metal picks is prohibited on school property.
- Any object or ornament that is distracting or capable of being used as a weapon or in the use of drugs or alcohol is not allowed.
- Removable, ornamental tooth caps/grills are not allowed.
- All other items which, in the judgment of the principal (designee), disrupt or distract from the teaching and learning process, such as dice, playing cards, laser pointers, games; toys or electronic devices.